

REPORT OF THE BOARD'S DELEGATE TO THE MILWAUKEE EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP (MEP)

June 28, 2018

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(1) Meetings and conversations were held among the Milwaukee Education Partnership's (MEP's) Executive Director, Gerard Randall, and various individuals within and outside of the Partnership regarding educational legislation, grants, partnerships, various initiatives and projects, updates, MEP's administrative business, and more.

(2) Mr. Randall met with Governor Walker on May 9 regarding statewide educational policy, particularly initiatives that Governor Walker is looking to sponsor.

(3) Mr. Randall met with leadership at Shorewood School District regarding the possibility of its becoming an executive partner with the MEP.

(4) Clayborn Benson from the Wisconsin Black Historical Society and Mr. Randall met and discussed state funding for the Society.

(5) At the recommendation of MEP's Executive Partner Earl Buford, CEO of Employ Milwaukee, a meeting has been scheduled with Dr. John Walz, President of the Milwaukee School of Engineering, to discuss the MEP.

(6) Mr. Randall shared updates on the MEP with the Office of Board Governance's staff and the leadership of the Milwaukee Board of School Directors.

(7) The MEP is working in coordination with MPS's staff on the scheduling of introductory meetings for Dr. Keith Posley, MPS's Interim Superintendent, with senior legislative leaders in Madison. The Milwaukee Board of School Directors' President, Mark Sain, will also join in the meetings as he is able.

In its effort to assist Dr. Posley and MPS with corporate and community connections, the MEP, which hosted the biweekly BGB Luncheon Meeting on May 25, asked Dr. Posley to be the guest speaker to share his vision for MPS success with this group of senior corporate and nonprofit organization leaders from southeastern Wisconsin.

(8) A meeting was held on May 23 for GEAR UP Partners to discuss the application process for a new GEAR UP grant.

(9) Coordination of the MPS-Cardinal Stritch Literacy Collaborative continued (ongoing), including expansion of Project METRO.

(10) HBCU Initiative:

(a) HBCU Conference — Follow-up activities to the 2018 conference have continued.

(b) Job Fairs/Recruitment — The first Job Fair was held on May 3, 2018, in Washington, DC, and focused on recruitment of educators for MPS. Debriefings on this event were held, and planning continues for the remaining three fairs.

(c) Funding Support — Efforts continue to gain funding support for the HBCU Initiative.

(d) Engineering Internships — This summer there will be five engineering interns from Tuskegee University at the Global Water Center in Milwaukee. This collaboration with Tuskegee University and The Water Council is an outgrowth of the partnership between the MEP and Tuskegee University in the MEP's HBCU Initiative. The MEP is looking to expand the number of interns to include the engineering programs at Howard University, Morgan State University, Hampton University, and North Carolina A&T University for summer of 2019.

(11) Discussions continued concerning the development a new proposal for the bioscience grant from the National Science Foundation.

(12) Planning continued concerning the upcoming summit for Wisconsin deans of schools of education to present ideas that will improve teaching and learning in Wisconsin schools, especially in the Milwaukee region, with a focus on urban education. The new dates for this event are August 1-3, 2018. It will be held at UW-Parkside in Kenosha.

(13) Tracey Sparrow from Next Door-Milwaukee and Mr. Randall continued work and regular conversations with the leadership of The Literacy Lab/Leading Men Fellows and other people and organizations concerning implementation of the Leading Men Fellows program in Milwaukee. The Literacy Lab continued efforts to fill the local program manager position and in other efforts of programmatic implementation. The MEP continued to assist in this effort as well as the effort to recruit fellows for the initiative.

(14) The MEP continued coordinating efforts with MPS's staff to position the MPS Carver Elementary School to be a K-8 STEM-focused school. Teachers at Carver have been registering for Project Lead The Way's method training. Members of the Historic Brewers Hill Association spoke with Mr. Randall to discuss the efforts to date and how they could stay involved to help move math and science ahead at Carver.

(15) Mr. Randall met with leadership at UMOS to share updates on the MEP. He also attended UMOS's May Faith-Based Luncheon. These luncheons are designed to keep members of the faith-based community and other community partners informed and connected to issues that are of importance to them and the greater Milwaukee County community and to network and connect on common issues. The guest speaker for this luncheon was Linda Seemeyer, Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, presenting "Healthy Congregations, Healthy Children, Healthy Communities."

(16) On May 2, the UW System held a community discussion, "Improving Access, Affordability, and Opportunity: How restructuring UW Colleges and Extension will better serve students and families in the greater Milwaukee community and statewide". Mr. Randall participated.

(17) An invitation was received from Dr. Howard Fuller, Institute for the Transformation of Learning, to the Crisis in Education for Black Children in Milwaukee meeting on May 29. Mr. Randall attended the meeting.

(18) Mr. Randall attended the Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation's 2018 Bradley Prizes Awards Ceremony & Gala Reception on May 15.

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